

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Arthur Ortega on 3/16/2010.

2. The application has been amended as follows: **Cancel claim 29.**

3. The Examiner discussed the BPAI decision in which the Examiner was reversed on claims 22 – 27 and new grounds of rejection was presented for claim 29. Applicant agreed to an Examiner's Amendment and cancel claim 29 with an Examiner's response of notice of allowance for claims 22 - 27.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Examiner agrees with the decision presented by the BPAI and has therein deemed the claims 22 – 27 to be fit for allowance in light of the cancellation of claim 29.

Conclusion

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AURANGZEB HASSAN whose telephone number is (571)272-8625. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq Hafiz can be reached on 571-272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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